

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The application has been amended so as to place it in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action.

The case was originally filed with claims 1-6, claim 1 being independent. This amendment adds new claims 7-16, claims 7 and 12 being independent.

The specification has been amended as to form to include section headings.

The Official Action rejected the originally-filed claims under §112, second paragraph, as indefinite.

The claims have been amended so as to remedy the stated basis of rejection. Withdrawal of the indefiniteness rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-6 were rejected as anticipated by ZAHORSKI 3,104,194.

The applied reference relates to a panel structure characterized by light weight and particularly adapted for use in aviation and missile fields (see column 1, lines 11-14). The reference discloses the use of thin-walled metal components, wood, plastic or other light yet strong materials (see column 1, lines 18-20).

Applicant believes it is clear that this reference does not disclose the recited collision-resistant double-skin structure. However, in the interest of advancing the case, the

originally-filed claims have been amended to recite a ship comprising a side and a hull having a collision-resistant double-skin structure. The new claims recite a ship hull.

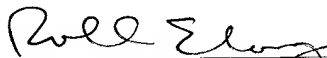
The invention as recited by the amended and presently-presented claims is not believed to be anticipated by the prior art. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the anticipation rejection and allowance of all the pending claims are respectfully requested.

Applicant believes that the present application is in condition for allowance and an early indication of the same is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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